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SUBJ: LEADERSHIP DELEGATION TO THE TANGSHAN QUAKE AREA

1. ACCORDING TO AN AUGUST 4 NCNA ANNOUNCEMENT, PREMIER AND CCP VICE CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG IS LEADING A "COMFORT" DELEGATION FROM PEKING TO THE TANGSHAN AREA. THE DELEGATION INCLUDES POLITBURO MEMBER CHEN YUNG-KUEI; VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC), ULANFU; DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE, JUO YU-FENG; MINISTER OF COMMERCE, FAN TSU-YU; DIRECTOR OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT, CHANG TSUNG-HSUN; PLA DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, CHANG TSAI-CHIEN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PLA CENTRAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, HUANG YU-KUN AND SIX OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS. THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP SUGGESTS THAT IT WILL BE MAINLY CONCERNED WITH SURVEYING THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND DIRECTING RELIEF OPERATIONS, AND THEIR PRESENCE WILL ALSO BE SYMBOLIC OF NATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE QUAKE VICTIMS.

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2. THE DELEGATION WAS SEEN OFF AT THE PEKING AIRPORT (DATE

UNSPECIFIED) BY POLITBURO MEMBERS WANG HUNG-WEN, CHIANG CHING, CHEN HSI-LIEN, WANG TUNG-HSING, NPC VICE CHAIRMAN, LI SU-WEN AND PLA DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, YANG CHENG-WU.

3. RELIEF OPERATIONS ARE GETTING UNDER FULL SWING WITH 13 PROVINCES ANNOUNCING THAT MEDICAL TEAMS AND RELIEF GROUPS HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO THE TANGSHAN AREA. WHILE FOREIGN AID IS BEING ESCHewed BECAUSE OF THE PRC'S "SELF-RELIANCE" POLICY THE NATIONAL EFFORT TO AID THE VICTIMS OF THE QUAKE, WHICH LIA-ONING PROVINCE REJECTED AFTER THE LESS SEVERE FEBRUARY 1975 QUAKE, UNDERSCORES THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PRESENT DISASTER.

4. ALTHOUGH DAMAGE REPORTS ARE STILL FRAGMENTARY, RADIO PEKING HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IN HSIAOCHINCHUANG (CHIANG CHING'S MODEL BRIGADE) 400 STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED. AFTER SURVEYING THE WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION, PARTY BRANCH SECRETARY WANG MO-SHAN, IN THE "SPIRIT OF SELF-RELIANCE", RESOLVED TO BUILD BETTER HOMES AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE BRIGADE'S PRODUCTION.  
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